

Jan 8 & 15, 2017

M: St Mary • J: St Joseph • Rc: rectory chapel

Our bulletin covers two weeks!

• 1st week of Ordinary Time

Jan 9 6pm • Rc *Baptism of the Lord* † Beatrice Gius r/o Roy & Dolores

Jan 10 9am • Rc † Dorothy Yanuskiewicz
r/o M/M Richard Kuzmitsky

Jan 13 6pm • Rc *Hilary of Poitiers* † Joseph Guydish r/o Family

Jan 14/15 • 2nd Sun of the Year

3:30pm • J † Joseph Guydish (4th anniv.) r/o Wife, Gloria
Baptism of Molly Freyne

5:15pm • M † Violet Baranowsky r/o Children

8:15am • J † Michael Funanage r/o Wife, Cecilia
Baptism of Charlotte MacFarland

10:15am • M † Robert Aponick Jr. r/o Bill & Alice Jarzinko

Jan 16 6pm • Rc *Anthony* † Martin Jones Sr.
r/o The Crawford Family

Jan 17 9am • Rc † John J. Leskosky
r/o Tom & Donna Sarnoski

Jan 20 6pm • Rc *Sebastian* † John R. Soda r/o Helen Mehalick

Jan 21/22, 2017 • 3rd Sun of the Year

3:30pm • J † Eleanor Morrissey r/o Bill & Kathleen Lynch

5:15pm • M † John Zakavage r/o Loretta Zienkiewicz

8:15am • J † Robert Stancik r/o wife, Carol

10:15am • M † Van Cleveland r/o Daughter Sherry, Gene & Family



❖ **STEWARDSHIP: M:** 12/19: S:1226; 12/28: S:1898; 1/2: S: 439; Dues:489; Christmas: 3893; New Year: 211; Bld Fund: 1,000 • **J:** 12/19: S:1896; 12/28: S:1148; 1/2: S:1443; Dues: 245; Christmas: 3426; New Year: 688 *Stewardship of time, talent & treasure!*

❖ **Scripture** Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

*Jan.15: Is 49:3,5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

*Jan 22: Is 8:23-9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13,17; Mt 4:12-23

Office hours: {winter} Mon - Thurs: 3:30-6:30pm.

❖ **Stewardship:** *No one can do everything, everyone can do something!*
Make an offering to honor the Birth of Christ!

❖ **Condolences** to: the family of **Nick Stamatopoulos**, buried from St. Joseph's. Eternal rest, grant unto him, O Lord...

❖ **2017 Mass Book:** for weekend Masses, you can reserve up to 3 Masses, others are scheduled for weekday.

 ❖ **Congratulations to:** the families of **Molly Freyne & Charlotte MacFarland** baptized at St Joseph's Sat, Jan 14 & Sun, Jan 15th! Congratulations parents, godparents,

and especially brothers and sisters! Remember it is your responsibility to raise your child in the practice of the faith. Do a great job, as we trust you will!

❖ **Cards:** Birthday, Get Well, Anniversary, etc. are available for \$2 each. Place your offering in the envelope.

❖ **Year of St. Matthew's Gospel** continues throughout the year. Every Catholic should have and be reading your Bible. It is, after all, the Gift of the Catholic Church to the world

❖ **Interested in our Catholic faith?** Ask, encourage, invite! Share the gift of faith!

❖ **Religious Ed:** weekly @ St. Joseph's after Sun. am Mass.

❖ **Pray for:** Fill out the forms, even if you're healthy & would like to be prayed for in times of need!... • John & Ann Biros

• John Washko • Rose Ann Aponick • Jean Jarzinko • Joseph Washko • Grace Snover • Vickie Hartz • Ann Lewis • Bob Fellin

• Gordy Weikel • Amy Katzen • Kathy Milefsky • Phil & Shirley Kennedy • Bill/Flo Steele • Theresa Szott

• Helen Mehalick Irlslinger • Al • Barbara Green • Brian Mehalick • Helen Gurka

• Irene Feeko • Perry Gilliam • LouAnn Spudis • Pauline Long • Jennifer/Rose Rader • Jim/Virginia Lorah • Mary Yadinskie

• Anna May Kealy • Fr. Raymond Slezak • Betty Lou Torpey

• Rose Angelotti • Tony Valanty • Virginia/Paul Staerk • Tom Ramainn • Ken Snover

❖ **Birthday Blessings:** Madison & Teaghan Biros: 1/9;

William Lynch, Kathleen Lynch: 1/10; Mackenzie Joy, James E. Weikel: 1/11; Ron Kosar: 1/14; Mike Dziak,

Helen Mehalick, Kim Shatalsky: 1/16; Ed Silliman: 1/17;

Gloria Guydish, Tony Kelmalis: 1/18; Rosemarie Fellin, Anna Kealy, George Wilkinson: 1/19; Logan Fritz,

Loretta Zienkiewicz: 1/20 [In an upgrade of our record system, we noted a number of birthday's listed for 1/1: if yours was missed, let us know.]

Reflection: Epiphany/Ordinary Times: the feast of the arrival of the magi gives us a chance to think about how they are us, the extended family of God, coming before the Savior of the World, given to the chosen people of God. These gift givers are given the "gift" of recognizing the presence of God made flesh, but why did they come? Go back to the images in the Old Testament where the message of hope was borne out in the lives of those who were taken captive, then called to witness to their faith in the presence of a hostile & conquering realm. When they did, these foreigners sought to learn of the God of the Jews. These magi, then, would have known of the expectation of the coming King and would have been searching the heavens for a sign. As they have entered in, so we are invited to do the same. How so? To live our faith as we turn to the hostile environment where we're told that it's ok to keep your faith in church, but leave it there. Our reply? How can we? Truth is, we can't. Thus, we enter into the time we call "ordinary" as it is not a season: Advent/Christmas or Lent/Easter. ● Be a saint...what else is there? ●

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A word of thanks to all who sent cards, gifts, greetings for myself & star (on her 12th birthday). It is appreciated. NB: in the coming week(s) We'll be addressing my health concerns, your understanding is appreciated.

❖ **Flowers:** at the altar at Christmas were given in honor & in memory of those you designated in our Christmas Flower Offering. See pictures of our churches on the web/facebook.

❖ **Orange Ribbons:** Wear one as a sign of support that we wear the "color" the "people of the Cross" wear when they're martyred.



❖ **Open House/St Joseph's: Postponed:** rectory kitchen is not quite finished. Our hall, once approvals finalized, should allow us a spring ground breaking.

❖ **Cleaning @ M:** We seek disciples to clean one week out of a month. Why let our church be unkempt or leave it to a few?

❖ **Redners Save-A-Tape:** Save your receipts, drop them in Sunday Stewardship. M benefit 1%. Sign up @ service desk.



❖ **Knights of Columbus:** Assists with putting away the decorations Jan 8th @ our parishes.

Next mtg: **Jan 15th:** Potluck Dinner: **Jan.**

28 [snow date: Feb 4th] @ 5:15 mass @ Legion.

❖ **Adopt a Christian from Mosul:** Consider giving a portion of your Christmas & New Years blessings in support of our endeavor. See our link posted on social media.

❖ **St. Joseph's Christmas Grocery Raffle Winners:**

1: \$300: Daniel Flaim; 2: \$250: Roseann Evangelista;

3: \$200: Tom Fellin; 4: \$100: Dave Mehalick;

5: \$100: Lorraine Caperton 6: \$50: Joshua Fellin

{*Congratulations! Thanks to Donna/Jeanette/Bob, et al.*

A profit of \$1036 was realized.}

❖ **St. Mary:** Jan. 1st \$1,000 drawing: Winning #: **2472**

Winner: **Amber M. Spotts** Congratulations!

Next drawing: St. Patrick's Day: March 17th

❖ www.facebook.com/stmarystjosephrcc

❖ Visit us on the web: www.stmarystjoseph.net

❖ **Christmas Greeters:** Thanks to so many who helped by greeting & handing out calendars & the Matthew Kelly book: Resisting Happiness. As always, as disciples, we welcomed the stranger, the traveler, the student, family coming Home to Holy Mass for the holidays. Special thanks to ushers, Knights & any & all who assisted us. Extras copies are at the entrance to Church as this first year, when offering them to all, we ordered plenty.

❖ **Picnic/Block Party Deals:** Pick a gift basket/theme or scrip card(s) for our June events! Drop em off, we'll hold 'em!

❖ **Epiphany Blessing Packets:** For those who've reserved, packets are available (there are extras) after they're blessed at Holy Mass this weekend. They are at/near the manger scene.



❖ **Giving Tree:** this week the gifts are being delivered to Birthright Frackville & the Catholic Social Agency, Hazleton.

Additionally, plans are underway for us to support Brandon's Forever Home, Hazleton.

❖ **St Joseph's 50/50** resumes: tickets are @ entrance to church! \$\$\$ supports our building project.

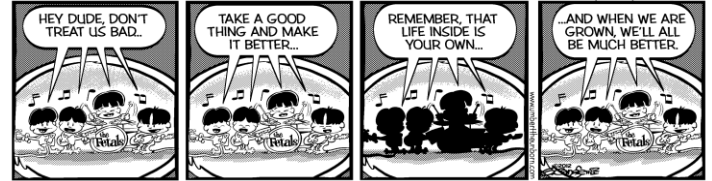
❖ **Amazon Purchases: Smile:** visit webpage or Facebook: hit the smile, to your amazon page, the receives 5% on your purchase! We use St Mary's to filter purchases, if you'd like credit to go to St Joseph's, let us know. No cost to you!

❖ **Burse/Veil:** for special Masses, funerals, etc: These cover the chalice, hold the altar corporal and are used @ both parishes, memorialize the handmade items by the Holy Rood Monks for \$250 @. Contact @ parish office.

❖ **Confirmation Prayer Partners:** Thanks to so many that prayed for & offered cards as prayer partners! Now, we begin praying for our 1st Penance & Holy Communion youth. We've about a dozen young people preparing for these sacraments. We'll be offering prayer cards as we get closer to Lent. (Mar.1)

❖ **SCRIP:** We've: \$25 Applebee's, \$10 Bath & Body Works, \$25 Boscov's, \$25 Cabela's, \$25 Cracker Barrel, \$10 Dairy Queen, \$10 Denny's, \$25 Dunham's, \$25 Dunkin' Donuts, \$10 Dunkin' Donuts, \$25 Gap/Old Navy, \$25 Home Depot, \$15 iTunes, \$25 Kmart/Sears, \$25 Kohl's, \$10 Long John Silvers, \$25 Lowes, \$100 Lowes, \$25 Olive Garden, \$25 PetSmart, \$25 Staples, \$50 Sunoco, \$25 TJ Maxx/Marshall's, \$25 Walmart/Sam's, \$100 Walmart/Sam's, \$25 Weis, \$100 Weis. *We're taking orders/sell @ St Joseph's after mass. Contact the parish office to place an order!*

Umbert the Unborn



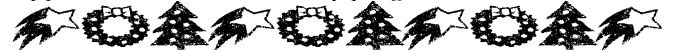
❖ **Grand Raffle @ J:** Help us get our ticket out early! As in the past, there are various ways to support: sponsor gift cards or donate a gift (\$25 min value). We've cards & the parish gets a % , the winner gets the full amount of the card!

❖ **Yankee Candles:** @ out at church can be used as we put the decorations and gifts away, a time to keep a nice scent into the home or school or workplace. They support St. Mary's.



❖ **Sun, Jan. 8th after Mass @** each worship site! Help with the gift of time to put our decorations away! Take a poinsettia home with you or give it to a family member or neighbor, someone in need of a bit of cheer, they are so beautiful! Fyi:

flowers at holiday times are ordered via blue mountain farms, it supports their retreat ministry programs.



❖ **Outside Events:** Sheppton Fire Co: Bingo: 1/15: 1pm •Trinity Academy Feb Gift Card Spectacular: Tickets \$5 @ daily prize (min. \$25) Purchase @ Trinity students or school office.

Learn Truth: ... • The December 28 *New York Times* reported another "oops?" *in vitro* fertilization (IVF) moment. A technician in Utrecht may have mixed up sperm used to fertilize eggs, leading to the members of 26 couples perhaps not being the parents of the babies they contracted to produce. ...In the procedure used by the technician, one sperm is injected from a pipette into one ovum, guided by a microscope. When the technician finished the procedure, he "discovered that there was still genetic material on the tip of the pipette," i.e., there were still sperm there. That meant they could either be the intended father's ... or somebody else's. The *New York Times* conveniently leaves the question of how other sperm got there somewhat open, "evidently because the technician had mistakenly used the wrong kind of rubber apparatus on the end of the pipette." The "problem," of course, is that in the normal order of things, all those little sperm are mostly all fertile. That's why, in normal sexual intercourse, one does not have to pre-select the one sperm "most likely to succeed," nor are sperm from multiple men usually involved. But when one is open to life as given by God, these are not "problems." But IVF is not just sex with a little technical "help." It simply replaces the human embrace of sexuality with a sterile lab technique. Except that, sometimes, the sterile lab gets the sperm samples mixed up..... read the rest @ www.crisismagazine.com/2017/another-vitro-fertilization-oops